Jane Street —
Wedy Evening.

My dear Friend — I have before me your kind letter of Saturday, & this morning rec? the Cat. of Goodbakes' books — There are many which I should like, but confine myself to the following which wd be useful, if sold very cheap, otherwise I must forego any purchase just now —

Lot 13. Ann. N. Y. Lyc. Nat. Hist. 3 vols 8vo —
I would give 15 Cts. pr vol. (or if sold together) — $5: —

54. De Cand. Prod. 12 vols, 15 Cts. pr. vol. or together — 20: —

101. Endlicher Gen. Plant. —
102. — — — 2 Supts. } I know not what to say for this, as I have no idea of the importation price — If $6 or 8 dolls. will buy it, I should like it —

100. Endlicher Enchirid. What is this? If it is useful, & not a costly 8vo. I should like it —

296. Schkuhr's Carices — If complete with the Supplement, I would give $5 or 6 for it — I have not the smallest idea of its value — perhaps I am ridiculously below it —

As to the Microscope, I have only thus much to say— I think your plan a good one of offering it at the sale—when, if it does not go off—I will give $15— for it with the complete set of 6 lenses (¼. ½. 1. 2. 3. 5—) without the 4 extra ones—I like 6, (with the 10 lines you have for me) would be abundantly sufficient for me— Poor Oakes shewed me his Microscope, & said that it only cost him $20, or $22, but that another which he imported for Robbins cost $40 (or 35—) but he did not think it worth the difference— Yours I think cost $30— but it is no matter, as I have named my maximum, which is in fact, (entre nous) more than I can afford, properly speaking— Thus much of business— If any of the lots go at my mark, please make the purchase, & I will remit you, by mail, the requisite amount— I wish I could afford to go higher for the books, but, happily, it is no sin to be poor, however inconvenient—

I am rejoiced at what you tell me concerning "Cousin John", & beg to offer him my best congratulations. There is only one feature in the arrangement which I find it unpleasant to dwell upon— the fact, namely, that it will leave another void at the dear Papa's table— The family, reduced to himself & Charley, will I fear seem sadly lonely to him!

My kindest love to your dear wife— I am always very happy to receive her letters, but she has enough to do, I know, & I will wait her entire leisure with patience— My John is again in the City, but I see very little of him— He lives, nominally, at Saml's, in Murray St., but actually at Mrs A's in Lafayette Place. I do not, of course, desire to allure him from his allegiance. Indeed, I have nothing in Jane Street calculated to amuse him, & am very dull & low spirited, just now, so that he would change good Company for the very worst—

Dr Alexander sailed in the steamer "Crescent City" (8 days since) for Jamaica, where he will spend more or less time, according to circumstances— He seems rather nervous on the subject of the Yellow fever— even in winter— However, he says that he may spend twelve months on the Island, in the high lands— if he finds himself comfortable— Last week, I had a letter from Dr Bloomfield— he remarks, "Our truly amiable & worthy friend Dr Gray has been most kind & liberal in sending me copies of his valuable publications— I do not know in what way I can return his kindness except with heartfelt thanks, which, should you be writing to him I may take the liberty of requesting you to convey to him for me, & also I hope to send him the roots of Haut's plants I spoke of xx they will not form so weak an offering as I could wish my friend to accept— they must however be kind enough to take them as an earnest of the

large & more complete Flora — with which I shall hope to present both yourself & Dr Gray "

This is all, my dear Gray, except to beg my respects to Dr Harvey, & to assure him of the undiminished & affectte regards of Yr J.H.

Neither Thysanocarpus nor Lepidium are comfortable in the Flora — The species want looking into —

Prof. A. Gray
Cambridge
Massachusetts

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I should like to see the Vesicaria — I hope that I may do so some day — If any "sweepings" or scraps remain after the examination have them for me — Oddly enough, it was only last week I was working out the 4 or 5 (!) species I have —

I have not seen Torrey for a week or more —

Dr Maclagan writes me that he is about sending me 1 or 2 Cottages which you wished him to get, & which I shall forward to you by first opportunity — after arrival.